

"Baker" Perforating Machine. Main information from Mike Bavin.

I have had this information for some months, awaiting space and an appropriate time to publish in the Bulletin. The item about the visit to Sloper's Works (Bulletin 246) reminded me that once Joseph Sloper's Patent ran out in 1872, other firms got into the action and began to produce stamp perforating machines.

One such firm was FRANK BAKER and from the London P.O. Directory of 1913, MIKE sends the following entry:-

"Frank Baker, die maker, letter cutter, stamper, metal label, name plate and brand iron maker and memorial brass engraver. London agent F.A.Tory, 91 Cannon St., E.C. 28 & 29 St.Paul's Square, Birmingham."

Mike has a Frank Baker book pen dated 1910 but suspects the date was added by the finder in the old factory archives. The two illustrations make up an A4 size publicity leaflet about the firm. If the letters produced by Baker's machines are similar to the FB/B, they are very distinctive.

Has any member any type of material (cheques, postcards, revenue statements, accounts, stamps etc) perforated with these many holed letters or any other relevant information?

The Postage Stamp Press illustrated is similar to the perforating machine which BRIAN MERRYWEATHER brought to the May meeting at Baden Powell House. This machine however perforated documents for one of London's Cemeteries.

Telegrams, "Naming, Birmingham."

BRONZE MEDAL: LONDON, 1884.

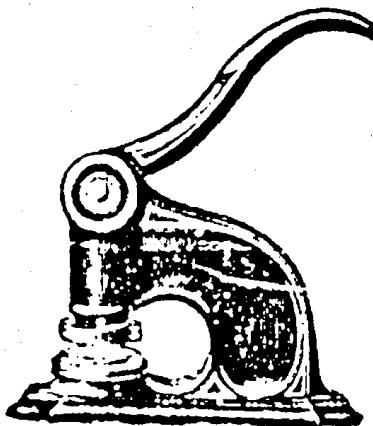
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FRANK BAKER,

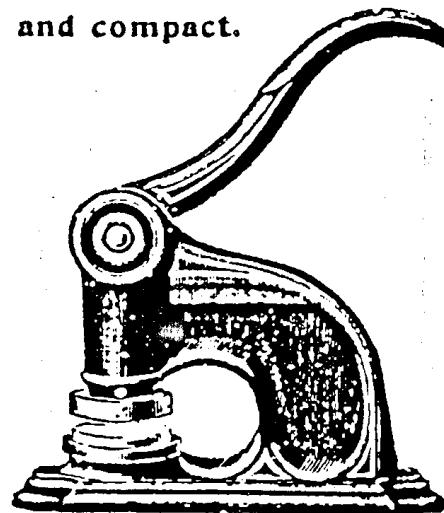
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REGISTERED DESIGN GIANT PRESS.

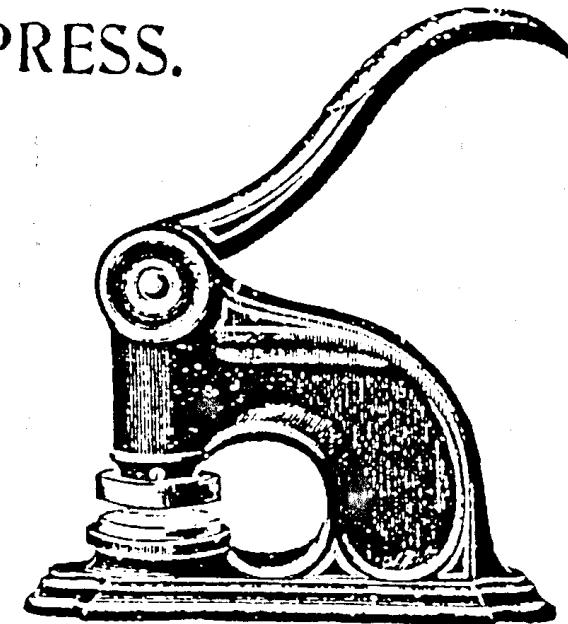
Very light, powerful, and compact.



No. 1 Giant.



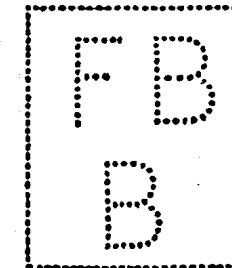
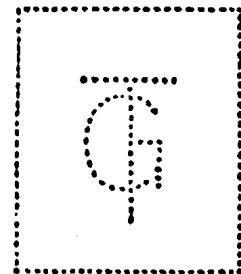
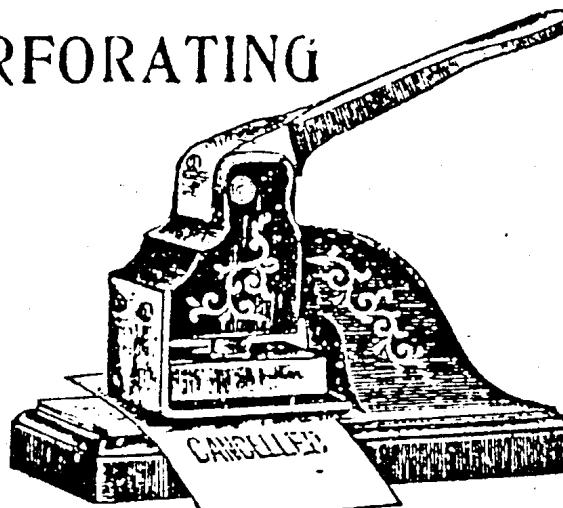
No. 2 Giant.



No. 3 Giant.

Size Number.	Press and Die complete.	Press and Counterpart to own Dies.	Presses only.		Presses with Plain Dies and Brasses (for Counterparts).	
			EACH.	PER DOZ.	EACH	PER DOZ.
No. 1	£0 15 0	£0 10 0	£0 7 0	£3 12 0	£0 9 0	£5 0 0
No. 2	0 17 6	0 14 6	0 10 0	5 2 6	0 12 0	6 5 0
No. 3	1 2 6	1 6 6	0 15 0	9 0 0	0 17 0	10 0 0

BEST QUALITY PERFORATING PRESSES.



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These are of high-class manufacture. All parts liable to wear are best cast steel. Horizontal Levers are nickel-plated.

Vertical Pull-over Levers can be substituted for the ordinary Press-down Horizontal ones for 6/6 extra. All presses may be mounted on polished mahogany stand, with drawer, for 12/6 extra.

POSTAGE STAMP PRESSES.

No. 1.—Takes up to four letters, price, including four letters	15/-
" 2.—Takes up to six letters, price, including six letters	18/6
" 3.—Takes up to six letters, with lubricating pad, six letters	25/-

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No. 4—Improved Press, to perforate four rows of stamps, four stamps thick, perforating 16 stamps at one stroke, with two or three letters 47/6
 Ditto do do five or six letters 52/-

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No. 5.—Best Quality, & Co.	46/-
" 6.— " " & Co., NOT NEGOTIABLE			63/-
" 7.—Second " & Co.	30/-
" 8.—Best Quality ...	Price	30/-	1/6 per letter
" 9.— " " ...	"	37/-	1/6 "
" 10.— " " ...	"	50/-	1/6 "
" 11.— " " ...	"	56/-	1/6 "
" 12.—Second " "	"	15/-	1/6 "
" 13.— " " ...	"	20/-	1/6 "

PERFORATING DATING PRESSES.

No. 14.—Press and Dates complete, with Box of Dies £8 15 0
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